

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 25
3rd Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Scott Mendenhall

For the House Natural Resources Committee

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1. Page 1, line 29 through page 2, line 2.

Strike: "(5)" on page 1, line 29 through "SAFETY." on page 2,
line 2

2. Page 3.

Following: line 4

Insert: "(4) "Forest health concerns" means issues that can be
addressed through management or harvest of merchantable or
nonmerchantable trees and includes:

(a) forested lands that are overcrowded or stagnant and
that are showing declining annual growth;

(b) wildland/urban interface areas where timber harvest or
forest management is necessary to prevent catastrophic or other
damage to forested lands, livestock, buildings, or other
infrastructure;

(c) fire fuel buildup and treatment on forested lands;

(d) forested lands susceptible to imminent or repeated
insect or disease attack and timber degradation;

(e) forested lands that are in a high state of decline or
decay or are rapidly deteriorating;

(f) forested lands with high recreational use and high
degradation risk; and

(g) forested lands under drought stress."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

3. Page 4, line 4 through line 6.

Strike: "(3)" on line 4 through "VOLUME." on line 6

Insert: "(3) (a) If the department is addressing forest health
concerns as provided in [section 4], the amount harvested
may not be counted against the 10% maximum provided for in
subsection (2) and may not be counted toward the
department's annual sustained yield level.

(b) The department may not exceed 5% of the annual
sustained yield when conducting contract harvesting or management
activities that address forest health concerns."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 4. Contract harvesting to
address forest health concerns. All contract harvesting sales
meant to address specific forest health concerns must be designed

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to:

(1) improve the overall health, productivity, and long-term revenue potential for the timber stand;

(2) be consistent with the state forest land management plan; and

(3) comply with all applicable state laws, rules, and regulations."

Renumber: subsequent sections

4. Page 4, line 17.

Following: "~~concerns.~~"

Insert: "The board shall evaluate each proposed contract harvest to determine if, in the board's judgment, contract harvesting will fulfill its duty to prudently obtain the maximum long-term revenue for the trust beneficiaries or to address forest health concerns or other environmental concerns."

5. Page 5, line 4.

Strike: "\$500,000"

Insert: "\$1 million"

6. Page 5, line 7.

Strike: "\$500,000"

Insert: "\$1 million"

7. Page 5, line 8.

Strike: "\$500,000"

Insert: "\$1 million"

8. Page 5, line 19.

Strike: "5"

Insert: "6"

9. Page 6, line 1.

Strike: "5"

Insert: "6"

10. Page 6, line 6.

Following: "concerns"

Insert: "or to address forest health concerns"

11. Page 6, line 24.

Strike: "5"

Insert: "6"

12. Page 7, line 17.

Strike: "5"

Insert: "6"

13. Page 7, line 19.

Strike: "5"

Insert: "6"

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